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For: Method, Article of Manufacture  
and Apparatus for Processing  
Redundant Electronic Mail  
Messages

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.  
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.